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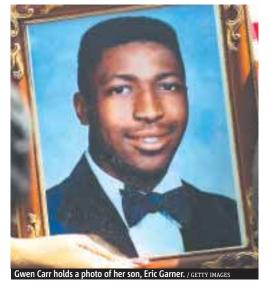
Police brutality.

Eric Garner's family says they won't accept congratulations until justice is served.

Garner's mother, Gwen Carr, said she's been congratulated by people since Monday night's announcement that the family agreed to a \$5.9 million wrongful death settlement from the city.

"Don't congratulate us, this is not a victory," Carr said at a press conference at the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network in Harlem on Tuesday morning. "Victory will come when we get justice."

Other family members, including Garner's widow, Esaw Snipes, and his chil-



dren, called on the Department of Justice to slap civil rights charges against Officer Daniel Pantaleo, who administered the fatal chokehold, and invited

New Yorkers to stand with them to commemorate the first anniversary and call for reform.

"The videotape of Eric Garner saying, 'I can't breathe' 11 times is what spurned a movement," Sharpton said. "It started a year ago. We will not end it until we change how policing goes."

The family, lawyers and Sharpton declined to answer questions after the press conference. Snipes said that the National Action Network did not ask for a chunk of the settlement, and they won't be compensated for advocating on behalf of the family.

"What justice looks like to me is the officers who are responsible for my son's death are held accountable for their gross misconduct. That would be justice," Carr told Metro just before the press conference at the National Action Network to discuss the settlement.

"It doesn't really matter to us [if Pantaleo apologizes]. We're not looking for an apology," Carr said.

"Don't congratulate us, this is not a victory." carr

Mayor Bill de Blasio said Monday in a statement: "No sum of money can make this family whole, but hopefully the Garner family can find some peace and finality from today's settlement. By reaching a resolution, family and other loved ones can move forward even though we know they will never forget this tragic incident.'

City Comptroller Scott Stringer said Monday that his office "acknowledges the tragic nature of Mr. Garner's death while balancing my office's fiscal responsibility to the city."



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Building collapses in Bedford-Stuyvesant

A building collapsed in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood around 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Media reports estimated that at least three people were injured by falling debris when a four-story building near Tompkins Avenue and Fulton Street collapsed. Authorities were on scene through

the afternoon. A cause of the collapse had not been determined by deadline.

The MTA said A trains were delayed, and C trains were bypassing Kingston-Throop Avenues due to the collapse. Fire officials snapped photographs of the scene and shared them on social media.





Investigation. 3-month-old baby dies in illegal SoHo day care

An investigation is underway after a 3-month-old boy died Monday on his first day at an unlicensed day care facility in SoHo.

Day care workers at 69 Greene Street called police at 12:15 p.m. after they could not wake up the boy, Karl Towndrow, from a nap, The New York Times reported.

He was taken to Lenox

Hill Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The New York City Health Department and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services are looking into the cause of death. The medical examiner's office's initial autopsy results were inconclusive.

The unlicensed facility, SoHo Child Care, broke

city regulation by exceeding the limited number of 12 children in a group day care facility. Authorities reported 14 children present in the facility.

The Office of Children and Family Services issued a cease and desist letter to the facility. Penalties are up to \$500 per day if the center does not comply. HADLEY BOLTRES

Coney Island

Elderly woman raped, held hostage: NYPD

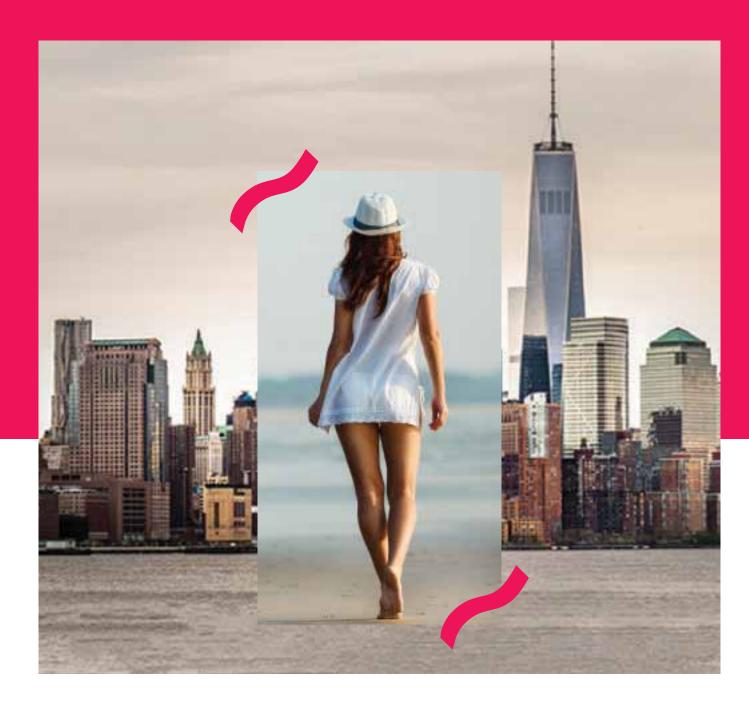
Police are seeking a man that they say raped, held hostage and robbed an 82-year-old woman in Coney Island.

The suspect reportedly snuck into the woman's house while she was sleeping around 1 a.m. Monday and hid inside her bedroom.

The suspect then attacked her, demanded money, held her hostage and raped her, according to police.

The suspect left the house several hours later with a bag of clothes and an umbrella.

Police describe the suspect as "black, approximately 20 to 30 years old, 5-feet-8, 160 pounds, with an afro and a light beard."



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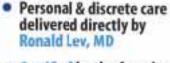
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Acro-Cats claw

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New Yorkers can check out these trained cats.

To Samantha Martin, cats like to have jobs, just like people.

You can see their fondness for their vocation by watching members of the Acro-Cats — the performing feline troupe that's prowling into Brooklyn on Thursday — during their off-hours at Martin's home, she said.

'Sometimes Sookie will just start rolling her barrel," Martin said of the cat trained to push objects on stage. "Now Tuna ja star of the show known for ringing bells] is touching the remote control, giving me that look like, 'Hey, you should do some work.' They actually ask to work. They enjoy it."

Martin's performing cats — all former rescues, strays and orphans, and ranging from a part-Siamese to a Tuxedo, a Calico, a Tortoiseshell, a Gingerand-white — live at her home in Chicago.

Martin, who is the "chief executive human" of the Acro-Cats, acknowledged that the show they put on is not a perfect per-

Safety concerns

Some cat circuses, especially in Russia, have a bad reputation.

There is a boycott campaign against Moscow Cat Circus for alleged cruelty in their training methods - specifically training the cats to perform complex tricks

by hurting them.

Martin stressed that the Acro-Cats is a "go with the flow" performance with tricks that mostly just include performing the sorts of jumps and behavior that domestic cats typically perform at home.



Visit Metro.us to see more cats and find out where they're visiting.

"The cats kind of make up their own stuff sometimes," she said. "Every show is a little bit different because we never know what the cats are going to do and when they're going to do it."

The concept of the Acro-Cats was born 10 years ago when Martin, a lifelong animal lover, began taking a few trained cats into Chicago art galleries and doing small shows

"It's very ad-lib, very go with the flow. People can expect to see things they've never seen before."

with basic props.

Audiences went wild, she said, so she began expanding the show. For Martin, who aspired to be an animal trainer from the age of 7, working with the Acro-Cats is "a dream come true."

The tour will be at The Muse Brooklyn Thursday through Sunday and in Boston on July 23. Foster cats will be at the performances for guests to adopt.

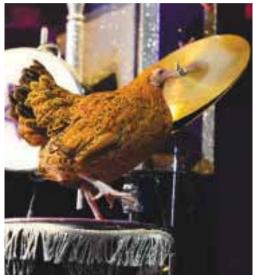


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Training

Trainer Samantha Martin explains her trade:

How do you get the cats to do the tricks?

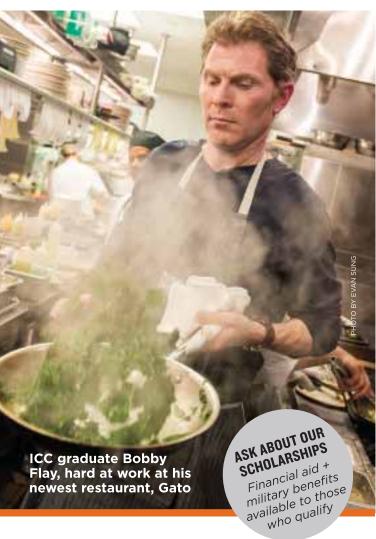
I use clicker training. It's all positive reinforcement where they get a treat when they do a trick. They're my pets, so I watch what they do around the house and I come up with things that can be made into a trick. So if the cats are climbing, I'll come up with something that involves climbing. If the cats are scratching, I'll come up with something that involves scratching. The props in the show – it's almost like their playground.

How do the cats feel about their work?

They enjoy it. If you look at their body language, you'll see that they're happy, they're interested, they're not towering. If somebody startles them, they can go back to their carrier.

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Harlem gymnasts to leap for the gold

Contenders.

Nine young gymnasts will compete at the U.S.A. National Championships this weekend.

Nine Harlem student gymnasts will take their talents to Fort Worth, Texas, this weekend to compete at the U.S.A. National Championships.

After a number of local, state and regional competitions, three boys, one young man and five girls, ages 8 to 20, from the Wendy Hilliard Gymnastics Foundation (WHGF) plan to compete in the National Championships.

WHGF was founded in 1996 by Hall of Fame rhythmic gymnast Wendy Hilliard to provide free and low-cost gymnastics



for urban youth. Hilliard was also the first African-American to represent the U.S. in over 15 foreign countries and three world championships. The gymnasts at WHGF are local Harlem residents who will compete in trampoline and tumbling, levels 5 to 7.

This is the first trampoline and tumbling national competition for the nine athletes. Hilliard said all she hopes for is that they will do their best. "The achievement of going and knowing they've trained and they got there, that is really our first step and that makes me very proud," Hilliard said.

The team is coached by British National Competitor Stacie Mitchell, who is excited for the nine competitors to experience a national competition.

"They get to travel as a team yet again, but actually fly and go to a whole new state and be around gymnasts and meet gymnasts from the other states," she said. "It is always beneficial for them to meet and see other kids and see what else is out there because it makes them see how much they need to work or how much they have worked to get where they are."

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Boogie down in the Bronx

Alex Colon, left, and James Lovell, from Belize play at the "Boogie Down Booth," a music booth that provides people with a space to listen to music that comes from the Bronx.

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Brooklyn Law School to give unemployed students money back

Brooklyn Law School recently announced a new program in which recent grads will be able to receive some of their tuition back if they can't find a job after graduation. The school believes they are the first law school to offer such a program.

The program, inspirationally named "Bridge to Success," will take effect starting with the incoming class of 2015.

Students eligible for

the program, will receive a lump sum of 15 percent of their total tuition back if they can't find "meaningful full-time employment."

Students, however, must work with the law school's career counselors and have sat for the bar exam to be eligible.

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CUNY to offer MD degrees

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced CUNY School of Medicine's accreditation on Tuesday. The Harlem campus will see its first class in 2016, and partner with the St. Barnabas Health System in the South Bronx.

The first graduates will mark the first time in about 170 years that CUNY and City College will award a doctor of medicine degree, according to Chancellor James B. Milliken.

Cuomo said the new public medical school will help train more physicians to care for underserved communities in New York, and address an impending shortage of doctors in the Empire State.

The governor's office cited a 2013 Kaiser Family Foundation study that found New York state meets just 40 percent of primary care needs, one of the lowest rates in the U.S. METRO

Climate change. NYC's dim future

Weather.com looked at six factors to determine which places across the United States will get hit the hardest by climate change and narrowed it down to the top 25.

Fear not New Yorkers, we are not No. 1; New Orleans came out on top this time.

However, we are in the top five, so maybe it is time to show a little concern. At No. 4, New York City is far from immune when it comes to the Atlantic hurricane.

According to Weather. com, the city could be in the line of fire more frequently in the future due to extreme precipitation increases. Not to mention, New York's coast can expect sea levels to increase anywhere from 18 to 75 inches by the end of the century. Granted, 100 years may seem like a long time, but in terms of how old the earth is (4.54 billion years old), it is but a sliver of time.

In February of this year, Mayor Bill de Blasio



weeks after the storm began. / MARK OVASKA

released an NPCC Report that projected the sea level rise in New York City. The projections show an increase between 11 and 21 inches by the 2050s, between 18 and 39 inches by the 2080s and between 22 and 50 inches by 2100 with a worst-case scenario projection of up to 6 feet by 2100.

Weather.com's methodology consisted of looking at the six factors including: sea level rise, extreme precipitation, extreme

drought, urban heat islands/extreme heat, average temperature changes and average precipitation changes.

"Damage threatens not only communities and infrastructure," the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation wrote to Weather .com, "but also critical ecosystems that buffer against floods, protect drinking water and provide habitat for important species.'

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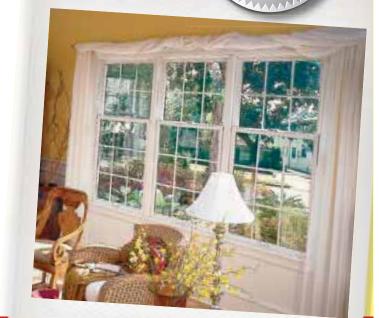
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Republicans

Iran deal faces skeptics

Republicans lined up to denounce the deal. Presidential candidate Lindsey Graham, a senator from South Carolina, called it a terrible deal that would make matters worse. Sen. Marco Rubio suggested he would reintroduce sanctions if elected to the White House next year.

The Republicancontrolled Congress has 60 days to review the accord, but if it votes to reject it Obama can use his veto, which can be overridden only by two-thirds of lawmakers in both houses. That means dozens of Obama's fellow Democrats would have to rebel against one of their president's signature achievements to kill it, an unlikely prospect.

Leading Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton called the deal "an important step that puts the lid on Iran's nuclear programs."

The Senate was not expected to vote on the deal before September.

While the main negotiations were between the United States and Iran, the four other U.N. Security Council permanent members, Britain, China, France and Russia, are also parties to the deal, as is Germany.

Iran is the predominant Shi'ite Muslim power, hostile both to Israel and to Washington's Sunni Muslim-ruled Arab friends, particularly Saudi Arabia. Allies of Riyadh and Tehran have fought decades of sectarian proxy wars in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Yemen. REIITERS



Iran nuclear deal reached

ed States, European Union and United Nations will be lifted in return for Iran agreeing long-term curbs on a nuclear program that the West has suspected was aimed at creating a nuclear

Iran will mothball for at least a decade the majority of its centrifuges used to enrich uranium and sharply reduce its low-enriched uranium stockpile.

The agreement is a po-

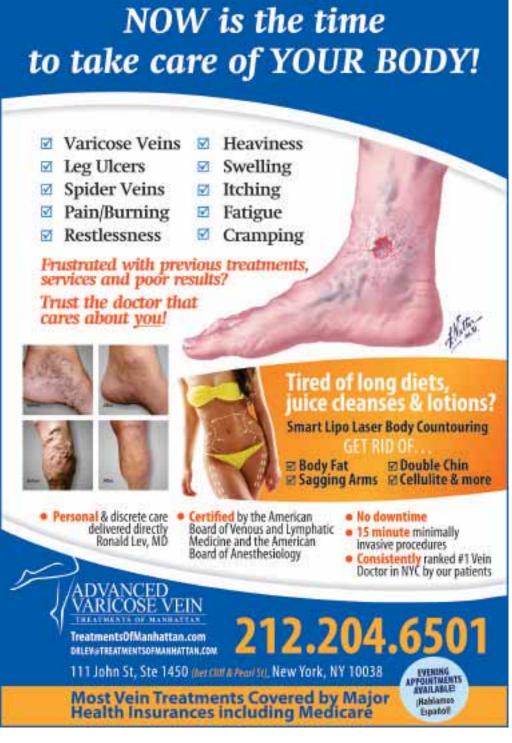
"This deal offers an opportunity to move in a new direction. ... We should seize it."

Obama, who has long promised to reach out to historic enemies, and Rouhani, a pragmatist elected two years ago on a vow to reduce the isolation of his nation of 80 million people.

Both face skepticism from powerful hardliners at home in nations that referred to each other as "the Great Satan" and a member of the "Axis of Evil."

"Today is the end to acts of tyranny against our nation and the start of cooperation with the world," Rouhani said in a televised address. "This is a reciprocal deal. If they stick to it, we will. The Iranian nation has always observed its promises and treaties."

Delighted danced in the streets of Tehran, while motorists sounded car horns and flashed victory signs in celebration after the announcement of a deal they hope will end years of sanctions and isolation.





things you need to know

Colo, movie massacre trial to hear closing arguments

Jurors will hear closing arguments on Tuesday in the trial of Colorado movie massacre gunman James Holmes, as they prepare to decide whether he was legally insane or a calculating mass murderer when

he killed a dozen people.

Prosecutors and the defense have been allotted two hours each to present their case by Arapahoe County District Court Judge Carlos Samour, after testimony in the almost threemonthlong capital trial ended last

Wal-Mart sued for denying health care to gay worker's wife

A Wal-Mart Stores employee sued the retailer on Tuesday, saying its prior policy of denying health insurance to the spouses of gay employees violated gender discrimination laws.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Boston, seeks nationwide class-action status.

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week.

REUTERS

Wal-Mart, the largest private U.S. employer, began offering health insurance benefits to same-sex spouses last year, after the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013 struck down part of the Defense of Marriage Act that denied federal benefits to married gay couples. **REUTERS**

Artist Fairey surrenders to Detroit authorities

Street artist Shepard Fairey, who created the "Hope" poster of Barack Obama in 2008, turned himself in to Detroit police on charges he defaced several properties

in the city, authorities said. Fairey is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday, Detroit Police Sgt. Cassan-

dra Lewis said. Police issued a felony arrest warrant for Fairey, 45, accusing him of two counts of malicious de-

struction of property, each punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. REUTERS

US spacecraft sails by Pluto, capping 9-year journey

A U.S. spacecraft sailed past the tiny dwarf planet Pluto in the most distant reaches of the solar system on Tuesday, capping a journey of 3 billion miles that began nine and a half years ago.

NASA's New Horizons spacecraft passed by the



ice-and-rock planetoid and its entourage of five moons at 7:49 a.m. Eastern. The event culminated an initiative to explore the solar system that the space agency embarked upon more than 50 years ago.

"It's truly a mark in human history," John Grunsfeld, NASA's associate administrator for science, said from the mission control center at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory outside Baltimore.

New Horizons was expected to continue observing Pluto for several hours after it made its closest approach to the unexplored world, coming within 7,750 miles of the sphere. REUTERS

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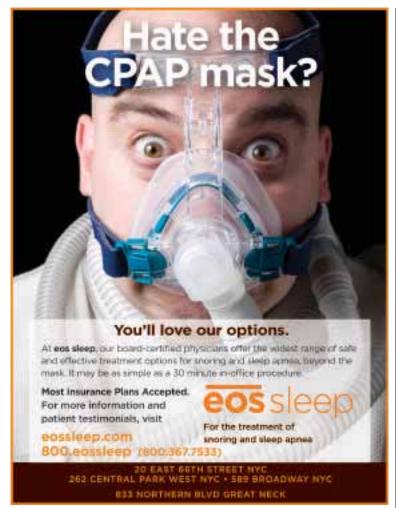
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ISIS. Boston police captain made nightmare choice to turn in son

Having to turn in your own kid is a parent's worst nightmare. Add in allegations of ISIS-inspired terror plots and a parent on the police force and the nightmare plunges into the depths of surrealistic horror.

According to the Boston Herald, this was the fate of Boston Police Capt. Robert Ciccolo and his only son Alexander. Capt. Ciccolo turned his 23-year-old son over to the FBI after he started talking obsessively about ISIS.

Once he accepted that there was nothing he could do about Alexander's obsession, Capt. Ciccolo could only wait until his son, who had a history of mental illness, would take a fascination with violent Islamic ideology too far.

According to an FBI affidavit released on Monday, Alexander, also known as Ali Al Amriki, was busted with a duffel bag filled with guns as he headed toward his Adams apart-



ment on July 4. He was banned from buying guns after a previous criminal conviction.

He is said to have told the informant about plans to commit terrorist attacks involving IEDs like pressure-cooker bombs like the ones used in the 2013 Boston Marathon attack "in places where large numbers of people congregate, like college cafeterias," and had Molotov cocktails with

Styrofoam soaking in motor oil in order to "cause the fire from the exploded device to stick to people's skin and make it harder to put the fire out."

The affidavit said he had a knife with a fiveinch blade and a receipt from the pressure cooker in his wallet.

During a routine medical screening at the Franklin House of Correction following his arrest, Ciccolo "grabbed a pen and forcefully stabbed the nurse in the head, leaving a hole in the nurse's skin and causing the pen to break in half."

Alexander will appear in federal court to face charges of being a felon in possession of firearms, which carries a sentence of no greater than 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. He will be arraigned in U.S. District Court in Springfield at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. NATE HOMAN

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Islamist attacks. Kenya set to reopen trendy Westgate mall

Kenya's Westgate shopping mall will reopen on Saturday, nearly two years after gunmen from the Somali militant group al Shabaab massacred at least 67 people inside and held out for four days as security forces laid siege

to the complex.

Once a totem of Kenya's growing prosperity, the Westgate building has since become symbolic of growing insecurity in the east African nation and President Uhuru Kenyatta's inability to prevent frequent Islamist attacks on Kenyan soil.

Images beamed across the world during the raid dented Kenya's image abroad and scared off tourists, hurting a vital sector of the economy.



Kenya's embarrassment was compounded by Westgate security footage which showed soldiers looting the mall after the Somali militants were killed. **REUTERS**

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PETA. SeaWorld worker infiltrated us, posing as violent activist

The animal rights group PETA said it has been infiltrated by a SeaWorld employee posing as an activist.

SeaWorld is the aquatic animal theme park that has been the target of PETA criticism and a growing campaign to shut down its three locations in Orlando, Florida; San Antonio and San Diego.

"For three years, a man calling himself
'Thomas Jones' has been attending PETA protests at SeaWorld and organizational meetings, trying to get close to PETA employees," People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says on its website.

"PETA's work to educate people about SeaWorld has apparently made the company so upset that it created a corporate espionage campaign," the group alleged.

PETA alleged that "Thomas Jones" has also been posting inflammatory messages on social media, trying to incite illegal actions such as calls to "burn [SeaWorld] to the ground" and "drain the new tanks at #SeaWorld."

An investigation of "Thomas Jones" has re-

Quoted

"We are focused on the safety of our team members, guests and animals, and beyond that we do not comment on our security operations ... This is a responsibility that we take very seriously, especially as animal rights groups have become increasingly extreme in their rhetoric and tactics."

Fred Jacobs, a SeaWorld spokesman



vealed that he is actually Paul T. McComb, a human resources employee at SeaWorld San Diego.

SeaWorld has remained mum on the allegations, refusing to discuss Jones/McComb. McComb hung up when reached on his cell phone.

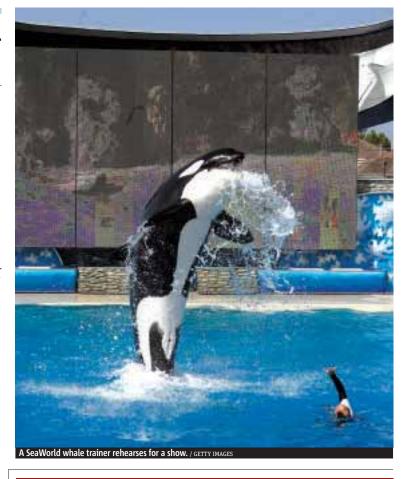
The theme park defends itself further on its website: "We care for 30 killer whales, the largest killer whale population in a zoological facility worldwide. They are our family

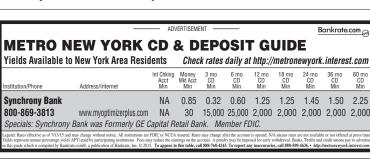
"We are a global leader in the care and understanding of this species and are accredited by the world's foremost professional zoological organizations. We apply best practices in behavioral training, environmental enrichment, preventive health, veterinary medicine and facilities design and management.

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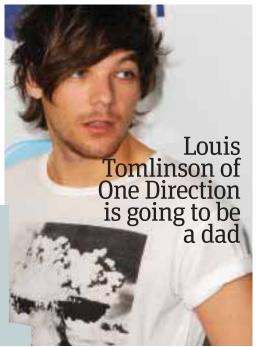
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Considering the average One Direction fan isn't even old enough to drive, it comes as a shock that Louis Tomlinson will soon be a father. No, this is not one of 1D's notorious jokes — this is legit. People reports that Tomlinson's stylist, Briana Jungwirth, is pregnant with his child. Hey, at least that is going to be one well-dressed kid. We can only assume Tomlinson's longtime girlfriend Eleanor Calder is a little bitter that Jungwirth

has cemented a forever bond with the boy-bander (and that cash flow) while Calder will go down in history as just a fling. As to how Tomlinson is feeling about the whole thing, People's "source" says, "It was a surprise at first, but he and Briana are very, very close friends and this has brought them even closer." Yeah, having a kid will do that! EMILY LAURENCE



Brandy's failed subway busking

Current "Chicago" star Brandy decided to try belting out a tune while riding the 1 train recently, and the results were less than career-affirming "What you all thought of that? You thought that was cool?" she asks after serenading the straphangers, turning to her fellow riders — who don't even make eye contact. "Nobody heard me singing? Nobody thought that was cool?" Way harsh, Upper West Siders. But at least one rider - when pressed by Brandy directly — had some advice for her, suggesting she wasn't selling herself strongly enough. "You've got talent, you've got to go for it," he offers. 'We've seen this a million times, you've got to do

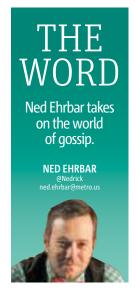


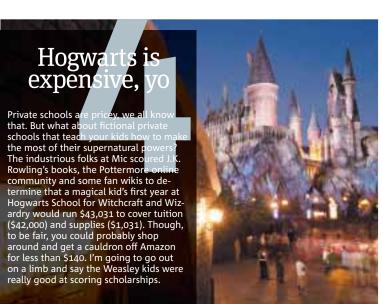
something different." Even successful pop stars in Broadway shows need some constructive criticism every now and then, apparently.

Affleck ring finger watch — updated! Avid male celebrity jewelry watchers

were probably a bit confused by Ben Affleck's wedding ring choices while out and about at Comic-Con. First he popped up on the Hall H panel still wearing the ring, despite the fact that a recently announced divorce from Jennifer Garner is in the works. Then he was seen walking the Convention Center floor sans wedding band, like maybe he

belatedly remembered to take it off. But then at an autograph-signing session at the Warner Bros. booth, it was back on again. Well, hopefully this clears things up: Now back in L.A., Affleck has been spotted with a bare left ring finger. We'll update you immediately if the finger's condition changes. Also, if he was looking to replace it, Comic-Con would've been a great place to pick up a replica One Ring from "The Lord of the Rings.'





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If sports drinks were honest

Who doesn't love some good honesty in advertising? The people trying to sell you stuff, that's who. Cracked.com bulks up on its Honest Ads series following previous targets such as fast food, beer and Viagra — with a look at sports drinks. Or, as the ad repeatedly refers to them, salted sugar water. "If you're not an elite athlete, a regular diet of salted sugar water may contribute to obesity or high blood pressure — but we'd still like you to drink it." Feel the burn! There's even a guy running on a treadmill connected to a bunch of machines — which has "absolutely nothing to do with our process." Extreme! Power!

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Singer. Idina Menzel caters to fans who adore Elsa in "Frozen" — and Maureen in "Rent."

By the time Idina Menzel wraps her 39-city North American tour in October, her name should come rolling off even John Travolta's tongue. The bigvoiced singer-actress, best known for her awardwinning rendition of "Let It Go" in the Disney animated hit movie "Frozen," was famously introduced by Travolta at the 2014 Academy Awards as "Adele Dazeem."

Today, the Tony Award winner (for "Wicked") can laugh off the incident as she preps for the next stops on her world tour. That her audience will likely include young girls still smitten with Elsa as well as more mature fans from her Broadway musical-turned-movie "Rent" and the more recent "If/Then" makes the assignment that much more challenging.

"I've always had to figure out how to navigate around a wide demographic," Menzel

"If I can put the microphone out and the audience can sing every word, then it's a hit."

says, "which is a very lucky thing, but can also

Big arenas, small moments

Menzel will draw on her eight-shows-a-week Broadway chops to ensure she stays in the moment for each show. "The thing I'm most proud of with my touring is my ability to give a very intimate performance and for people to feel like they really get to know me. It's very important that I'm able to connect with every single person in the

Drawing on her hits

Although "Let It Go" counts as Menzel's only true radio hit, her repertoire includes material from her Broadway shows that mean just as much to her audience, in addition to covers of popular songs

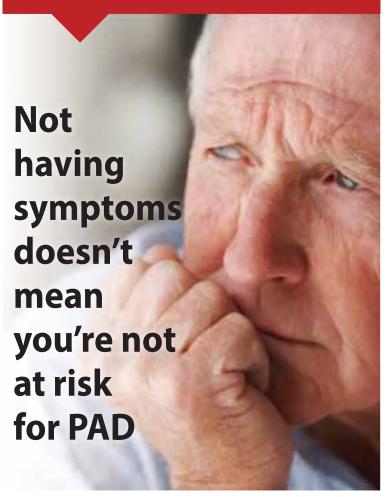
that she can put her own stamp on.

"I consider songs like 'Defying Gravity' [from 'Wicked'] and songs from 'Rent' to be my other hit songs. My barometer for that is if I can put the microphone out and the audience can sing every word, then it's a hit," she

Personal anthem

For Menzel, who has spoken openly about the challenges of navigating a music and acting career as a divorced mom (her ex-husband is actor Taye Diggs), singing "Let It Go" has become a very personal anthem: "It speaks to me as a woman and as a reminder of the things that I think are important and the things I need to learn, [like] not hiding what makes us really powerful as women.

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Vital Information All Knee Arthritis Sufferers

By Matt Edgar-Health Writer

Manhattan - In just a moment
I'm going to tell you about a
very "candid" and somewhat
embarrassing moment I had
with a doctor.

A moment most doctors would not want you to know about.

As I reveal what happened in that moment - it will become clear to you not only why this doctor has so much success treating knee arthritis pain... but you will also discover a possible way to relieve some or all of your pain, too.

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I'm glad we agree. It does sound too good to be true. That's because all patients react differently and get different results from *real medical treatments*.

That's also why no ethical doctor would promise or guarantee ANY results... for

ANY treatment. EVER.

In fact - if you do start hearing over-the-top, exaggerated claims like: "cure for knee arthritis" or "eliminates all pain" or "works for everyone" you should run like heck.

But the fact of the matter is: If you qualify for the treatment you are about to discover, there is a good chance

discover, there is a good chance you may be able to relieve some or much of your pain.

I know because thousands of knee arthritis sufferers... just like you... have already found the relief you are looking for.

And even better - this might work for you if your pain is new... or if you have advanced knee arthritis that has made it difficult to even walk.

Here's The Treatment And The Embarrassing Moment

The treatment is called viscosupplemtation. If you have not heard of this treatment - I will explain how it might help you in just a moment. If you have heard of it - or even had this treatment without good results - this information is a "must read."

Here is why: When you have arthritis, one of the things that happens is the lubricating fluid in your joints deceases. This causes joint surfaces to rub, then grind against each other which causes swelling and pain eventually eating way at the cartilage.

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Advanced Knee Arthritis Treatment Offers New Hope For Pain Sufferers In New York City



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Allow Me To Explain...

While doing research on this treatment, I traveled to a medical clinic in Northern N.J. right outside NYC (they now have clinics in mid town and downtown). This clinic had an excellent reputation and I got to speak not only with doctors but with several patients who ranted and raved about the results.

Many said they had tried countless other treatments in the past... including viscosupplementation... but nothing worked until they had viscosupplementation at *this* clinic.

I was skeptical, so I asked one of the doctors why. How could it be possible that the same treatment that did not work when done elsewhere... was getting results when done here?

His response was honest and a little shocking. And the bottom line was...

"All Doctors Are Human And Sometimes They Mess Up"

I discovered that this treatment must be VERY

PRECISE. In other words, the doctor must be very accurate and actually get the lubricating fluid precisely into the arthritic joint space - or the treatment will be rendered useless.

Many doctors do not want to admit it - but it is very easy to miss the joint space and alter the treatment results.

In fact, research shows that doctors doing these types of joint procedures without advanced imaging may miss the joint space as much as 30% of the time.

Technology To The Rescue

Thankfully technology is solving this problem. How? It's making doctors much more accurate and this treatment much more effective.

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was able to watch many procedures actually being performed and I was shocked at how many times the doctor thought he had perfect placement... but the imaging proved him wrong.

I was amazed how only a fraction of an inch would make the difference between success and failure.

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That's why the doctors at this clinic have taken it one giant or even permanently cancel it. screening."

Here's something incredible: I step further to give their patients the best. They do not just use one form of confirmation during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

> It became clear to me that using this advanced imaging and "double confirmation" process just might be why the doctors at this medical clinic get results when others were not.

What Results Can Be **Expected?**

be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for and tell the scheduling expert who patients to either postpone knee answers the phone, "I would like replacement surgery for years... a complimentary knee arthritis

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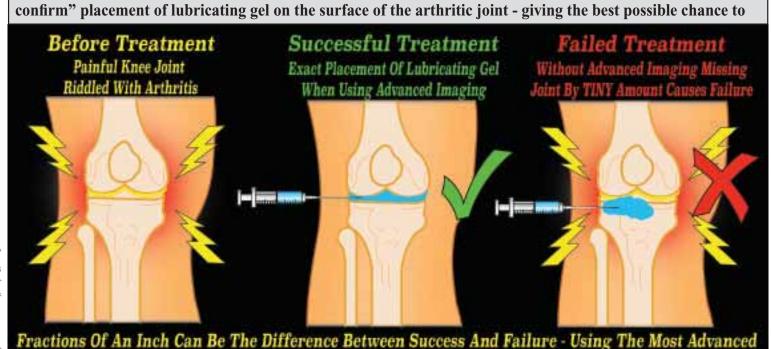
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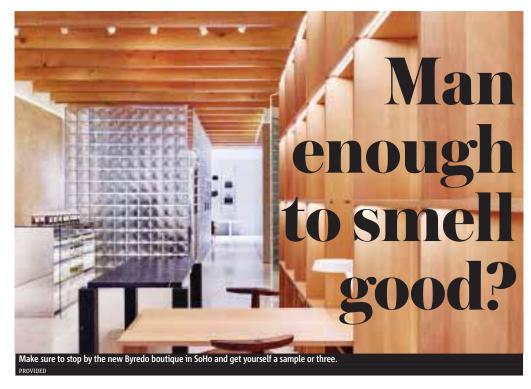
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Fragrance. Ben Gorham on cologne, finding a signature scent and why you shouldn't be shy about taking samples in his new SoHo boutique.

Ben Gorham thinks dudes can pull off floral scents too.

"The industry has been very dictating about what's male and what's female; it's really as absurd as saying that there should be male food and female food, because taste and smell share that," explains the 37-year-old founder of Byredo — the fashion world's bespoke fragrance brand of choice.

"When people take a step back and try and figure out what they actually like, it opens a new world to fragrance."

Gorham's own introduction to fragrance started on a whim. The Indian-Canadian perfumer — born in Sweden, where he currently lives — started his career playing professional basketball in Europe before switching gears for a de-

gree in fine arts. In 2006, he approached renowned perfumers Olivia Giacobetti and Jérôme Epinette about a project "translating memories into scents."

Nine years later, said project is a \$50 million business and we're sitting in the sky-lit back room of his new SoHo boutique at 62 Wooster Street, across from Celine. The chic minimal store, designed by Gorham, boasts 23 unisex fragrances like his best-sellers Gypsy Water and Bal d'Afrique. It also houses his new leather goods collection and sunglass collaboration with Oliver Peoples.

And while the bushy beards and hipster flannels favored by most cool guys suggest they can't be bothered with grooming, Gorham says cologne isn't just for bros.

"To be honest I think it's our father's fault. That generation, that idea of splashing — it wasn't very subtle," he says. "So I think people of our generation, that pops to mind. But it's changing: You'd be amazed at how many guys wear florals or soft woodies."



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Shopping tip

How to find your signature scent

Gorham's advice: Take samples. "Don't buy a fragrance based on what it smells like on a piece of paper," he

of paper," he says. "Take a sample and wear it on your skin throughout the day, because all fragrances dry down and change. Live

with the fragrance and see if it agrees with you before purchasing."

Do they hand out samples at the new

Byredo? "Yes, that's all we do here," he says.

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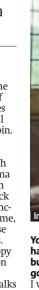
High- and lowbrow with Laura Linney

Interview. The Oscar nominee talks "Mr. Holmes" and why she did the second "Ninja Turtles" movie.

Back in 1993, Laura Linney and Ian McKellen both appeared in the first edition of "Tales of the City," the miniseries written by their mutual friend Armistead Maupin. But they didn't share any scenes. That only happened recently, with Bill Condon's new drama "Mr. Holmes." McKellen plays an elderly Sherlock Holmes, grumpily bouncing about a country home, reflecting on an old case from his detective days. Linney plays his unhappy housekeeper, whose son strikes up a friendship with her boss. Linney talks to us about instilling a supporting character with great depth — and the fun the three-time Oscar nominee had making the second "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

I read you've been a Holmes nerd since you were a kid. What first got you into him?

I think I was so attracted to the character as a young preadolescent just because he was so sexy. Honestly. He was this brilliant loner-musiciandrug addict — heartthrob, basically. He's a brilliant, brilliant man who's mysterious and very detached and not connected to anyone. Any woman would find that very attractive. [Laughs]





Your character doesn't have a ton of screentime, but she still has a lot going on.

I would have done the movie even if the character didn't intrigue me. Quite honestly, that was secondary to being able to work with Bill [Condon], being able to work with Ian, being able to go to England, being in a Sherlock Holmes movie. I couldn't have cared less what the character was. However, much to my delight, the character's really interesting. She's a war widow. She's struggling to normalize her life and maintain a relationship with her young child. There was a lot to play there. She's a housekeeper who was probably never a housekeeper before. There's her loneliness, her hard work, her disorientation of being widowed. It's what happened after the

war, how it tore families apart, how it relocated people.

Did you get a chance to actually meet McKellen back when you two did "Tales of the City"?

We both have Armistead Maupin in common. Armistead has always been a great friend of lan's, to Armistead through making those series. My son's middle name is Armistead; I named him after him. I would spend 10 minutes with [Ian] here, 15 minutes with him there, over a long period of time. But I never knew him very well. So now I was able to spend

and I became very close

time with him and claim him as my own. We developed our own friendship, and he's as spectacular as I thought he would be.



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Having fun for a change

Linney recently wrapped on a film unlike most of the serious dramas she does: the second "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" movie. How did she find it? "I had a great time! I loved it! I had a wonderful time! It was really fun!" she says. "I didn't have to cry, there was

no nudity, there was no deep, deep psychological pain going on for my character. It was filmed at home. I just had a ball. It was nice to skip to work and skip home."

Though she loves heavy movies like "Mr. Holmes," they can be taxing. "There was a lot going on. There was an accent," she explains. "It was wonderful. But there was sadness

there, and fear. When you inhabit that all day long you learn how to slip in and out of it so it doesn't contaminate your life. But it does cost a little bit. You're tired when you go home. You have to access things that aren't always comfortable. So to be able to do a cartoon film, it was fun!"



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Interview.

The comedian talks about the documentary following her life after her game-changing stand-up set.

Tig Notaro might have had the most roller-coaster year ever back in 2012. In quick succession, the comedian was hospitalized due to a bacterial infection, lost her mother in a freak Life on camera accident and then was diagnosed with cancer. Soon after, Notaro took the stage at the Largo in L.A. to do a stand-up set about what had happened. The result was an internet storm, with documentary Louis CK tweeting Why did you that decide to do it was the film? one of the One of the directors, Krisbest tina Goolsby, is sets he'd an old friend ever seen. Now in a much of mine of al-



Did you have any discussions with the director about what you were willing to have filmed from your

> No, I was pretty naive about things when we started because I had just been through such a rough period in my life that I sort of assumed

> > coming out

about it all.

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woods as far as anything bad happening. I really naively thought I'd be running into nothing but wonderful things in life, and of course I have, and it's been great, but it's life and swings in every direction. So when there were highs and lows, I just wanted to make myself available for it all, because if I agreed to do the film I wanted it to be the best possible version.

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had known she wanted to make this documentary. When she brought it up, I said yes because I thought it would be a cool thing to do, and I wanted to support her. There was a part of me that thought it wouldn't get going.

Do you remember thinking during that set that people were being really responsive, or that it could be life-changing?

Well, I didn't think it was life-changing because I thought I could possibly be not living. I was happy that I was getting through the set and it wasn't a completely uncomfortable thing start to finish. When I went onstage that night I thought it would be a nonstop uncomfortable thing, and it ended up being what it is, which is an uncomfortable, funny, I guess, emotional thing.



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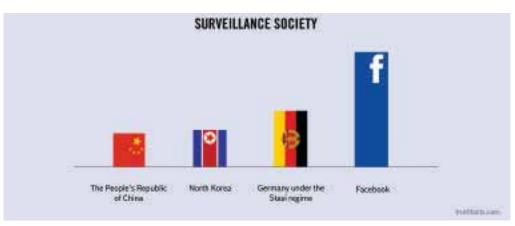
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Aries Be careful when playing sports or participating in a physical endeavor, as you risk injury. If you need help, ask those with experience.

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Taurus Put the past behind you. Carrying a grudge or romanticizing a failed love affair will keep you from moving forward.

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Gemini Don't wait for someone else to sing your praises. Show others your true colors. Be honest about your cares.

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Cancer You will have disagreements with friends or colleagues if you aren't careful, leading to ongoing problems that will boost your blood pressure.

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Leo Someone will try to get you to do their dirty work for them. Don't pass along comments that could wound or intimidate others.

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Virgo Stimulating ideas will spur creative projects that could help you in your professional career. Your attitude will catch the eye of superiors.

Libra For best results, you should be accommodating without being a pushover. A troubled friend will come to you for advice.

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Scorpio By getting back to your roots, you will gain perspective on where you are and where you are headed. Enlist the aid of relatives.

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being blamed for interfering. **Capricorn** Before you consider a course of action, decide if it will be beneficial. Doing something because

it is expected would not be wise.

Sagittarius You will be asked to mediate an argument. Stick to the facts in order to avoid inflaming tempers and

Aquarius You should be assertive if someone tries to make you do something against your will. You're capable of making your own decisions.

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Pisces You will have a chance to pursue something that you find quite interesting or intriguing. **EUGENIA LAST**

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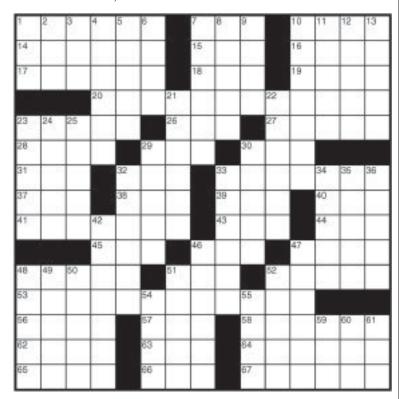
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- 46 Beauty pack
- 47 Clay pot
- 48 It may be upright
- 51 Half a candy?
- 52 Chasm
- 53 Bug studier
- 56 Nowhere near 57 Aunt or bro.
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- 62 Restore to health
- 63 Dixie, once
- 64 Stems from
- 65 Geraint's spouse
- 66 Volcanic dust
- 67 Chinese soup

Down

- 1 Amazon milieu
- 2 Stein filler
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- 4 Finger-painted 5 Slalom runs
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A refurbished tobacco factory in Jersey City, now home to a sprawling arts complex called Mana Contemporary with studios, exhibition spaces and museum archives, is drawing crowds and undergoing an expansion.

In the nearby Journal Square neighborhood, the city is embarking on a \$30-million renovation of the Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre. And a 110-year-old warehouse there is being converted into a luxury rental building with studio space and apartments set aside for working artists, one of many such buildings going up in the city.

"Our goal is to bring the creative class here," said Jersey City Mayor



Artists are moving to Jersey City for the affordable rents and quick commute to the city — but prices are rising. ISTOCK

Steve Fulop.

Welcome to what could be called "the new Brooklyn." Young Wall Streeters have been moving to Jersey City's waterfront high-rises in search of cheaper real estate and a quick commute to Manhattan for years. But as Brooklyn continues to gentrify, artists are now flocking to Jersey City too, scooping up studio space for some 30 percent less, and in many cases, they are taking up residence there altogether.

The influx, coupled with a flurry of new cultural venues and city

initiatives such as street performances and studio tours, has created a major arts community that is helping to revitalize a city once riddled with vacant lots and crime.

"Jersey City is the next place where everyone is going to be moving to," said Ray Smith, an artist whose paintings are in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art. Smith opened a 3,000-square-foot studio at Mana Contemporary two years ago, after Hurricane Sandy destroyed his workspace on the Gowanus Canal.

He has since rebuilt in Brooklyn but plans to consolidate his operations in Jersey City in the next couple of years.

Michael Bittel, a photographer and printer whose business, Eclectic Taste, prints art on tex-

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Rising prices

The migration is already pushing up prices. Laura Skolar, owner of Century 21 Plaza Realty, says prices in the Jersey City Heights area are up nearly 20 percent this year over last. A year ago, one of her clients was going to list a two-family home in Jersey City Heights - a section of town with new zoning allowing artists to create live/ work spaces — for \$325,000. But she ended up putting it on the market this past fall for \$369,000. It received six offers and sold for \$388,000.

tiles, wood and glass, moved from Greenpoint in Brooklyn to Jersey City in March. He pays a total of \$1,300 a month for a renovated brownstone studio apartment in the desirable Paulus Hook neighborhood and an art studio in a warehouse on Pacific Avenue. In Brooklyn he paid \$2,200 a month rent for a one-bedroom and had to work out of his apartment. His new home is a five-minute walk to the Grove Street PATH train station.

"The landscape is changing here by the minute," said Marcia Langley, a Liberty Real Estate broker who has lived in Jersey City since 1995. "There's an art scene in every corner of town prow"





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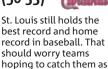
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The Pirates took three of four from the Cardinals to claim the top spot in our rankings and move within 2.5 games of St. Louis in the NL Central race. They've won eight of 10 and extended their lead for the wild-card spot to 5.5 games.

Cardinals (56-33)

(53-35)



they've played 42 home

games to 47 on the road.

Royals (52-34)



Kansas City enters the break hot, as an 8-2 mark in their last 10 kept them from losing any ground to the Twins, who posted their own 7-3 record.

Dodgers a (51-39)



keeping on, and enter the break with a comfortable 4.5 game lead on the Giants. The club is just 18-22 away from home.

No. 5

Angels (48-40)



The Angels have taken advantage of the Astros' struggles by posting a 7-3 mark in their last ten leading to the break. They lead Houston by a half game.

No. 6

Yankees (48-40)



The Yankees have also won seven of 10, and it's helped them grab breathing room in the AL East, as Tampa, Baltimore and Toronto all posted losing records over the same span.

No. 7

Nationals | (48-39)



The Nationals are still on top of the NL East, but a big series against the Dodgers looms after the break, and the Mets are playing good ball.

No. 8

Twins (49-40)



The Twins posted a 7-3 record in their last ten games - and dropped a game back from Kansas City. The good news is they hold the top wild-card spot.

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Astros (49-42)



Houston has done a ton right this season, but not much right the past week. They enter the break having lost six straight and eight of ten.

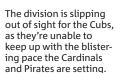
Mets (47-42)



The Mets have the best streak in baseball with four wins in a row. Overall they've won seven of the last ten to close to within two games of the Nationals in the NL East race.

Cubs (47-40)

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Rays (46-45)



Tampa won its last three to right the ship and claim second in the AL East. They'll have a chance to further that spot vs. Toronto this weekend.

No. 13

Giants



en in a row just before the best pill in baseball appeared on their schedule: The Phillies.

JPP latest

Giants defensive end home from hospital

Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday, 10 days after he was admitted to the South Florida hospital following a July 4 fireworks accident. The injury that Pierre-Paul sustained was so serious that he had to have his right index finger amputated. He would later have surgery to repair fractures in his right thumb.

If he were to sign his \$14.81 million franchise tender, the Giants could put him on the nonfootball injury list at the start of camp and possibly avoid having to pay him.

JPP plans to see if he can pass a physical, and if he can he can avoid being placed on the nonfootball list. JEFF SMYTH





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NBA. Who is closer to becoming a title contender: the Nets or the Knicks?

Ever since the Nets relocated to Brooklyn in 2012, they have been in a constant battle with the more established and popular Knicks to win the hearts of New York. And while that may never happen, it's easy to say that the former has been the more successful franchise and the latter has wallowed in its own ineptness.

But with Phil Jackson slowly trying to build a winner — in his own triangular vision - and the Nets' front office seemingly at a crossroads with rumors that owner Mikhail Prokhorov may be interested in unloading the franchise, the tide may turn sooner than many

Of course, neither team is a championship contender. And the Knicks still may be a year away from even making the playoffs. But within the confines of New York, the Knicks are slowly closing the on-court

Metro takes a look at the futures of both franchises, and compares and contrasts their fates.

Who will be better in 2015-16?

The gap is still there, even with the Nets buying

Trade chips

The Nets won't have a first-round pick until 2019.

- Joe Johnson's expiring contract is the only true Nets trade chip.
- The Knicks' first-round pick next year is going to Denver but they have five trade exceptions.



out point guard Deron Williams, who is now in Dallas. The Nets still have the very capable Jarrett Jack running point to go along with the recently re-signed Brook Lopez at center and Thaddeus Young at forward. Shooting guard Joe Johnson could still be moved, but even if he is, the Nets have enough weapons on the offensive end. The Knicks, however, are being built in the mode of the 2001 Philadelphia 76ers, as they have one primary scorer (Carmelo Anthony) and a bunch of good role players

who play defense and hustle — two qualities that evaded the team in last season's moribund 17-win season. Advantage: Nets

Who has the better young talent?

Ever since Prokhorov took over in 2010, the Nets' model has been to acquire veteran talent to stay competitive - at the risk of eschewing draft picks. There's some young and unknown talent such

as Sergey Karasev, Bojan Bogdanovic, Markel Brown and athletic journeyman Thomas Robinson, as well as rookies Rondae Hollis-Jefferson and Chris McCullough. But those guys aren't franchiseturning talent. The Knicks are in the same boat, as outside of rookie Kristaps Porzingis, there's not much young talent to be excited about — unless Knicks fans are pinning their hopes on the likes of Cleanthony Early, Kyle O'Quinn, Derrick Williams and Langston Galloway. Advantage: Push

Who will reach the Eastern **Conference Finals** sooner?

The Nets are built to make the conference finals much sooner, as their starting five can still compete with every team in the East, save for the Cavs and Bulls. But outside of those big two, the conference is wide open. Brooklyn added a couple of nice offensive pieces in shooting guard Wayne Ellington and former Knick Andrea Bargnani.

The Knicks also added role players who will provide unselfish play and defense to offset their franchise player's ball dominance. The Knicks are still trying to formulate their roster - and adding center Robin Lopez, shooting guard Arron Afflalo and talented rookies Porzingis and point guard Jerian Grant is a good start. But they're worlds away from a playoff run. Advantage: Nets

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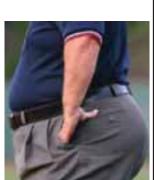
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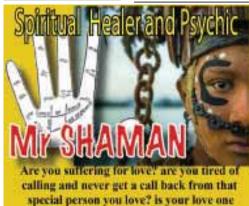
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